

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

INJURY PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL, Meeting of January 21, 2005

AGENDA:

1. Introductions and review of minutes of Sept. 9, 2004 meeting
2. ISDH reports: Sandra Beck, Charlene Graves, Matthew Lee Smith
3. Reports from Council members
4. State Plan Discussion
5. Injury Grant Application Discussion
6. Announcements

2005 Meeting Dates: January 21st, March 17th, June 9th, Sept. 8th, Dec. 1st

MINUTES:

Present: Barbara Cole, Heather McCabe, Karen Stroup, Keisha Nickolson, Jim Mowry, Matthew Howard, Nancy Cobb, Charlene Graves, Sandra Beck, Matthew Lee Smith

Charlene Graves explained that this meeting was convened on short notice to allow the Advisory Council the opportunity to actively review and discuss the draft of the CDC Injury Prevention Grant application and the draft State Injury Prevention and Control Plan. Both documents had been disseminated to Council members prior to the meeting.

Matthew Lee Smith was introduced as a new ISDH staff person working in injury prevention, specifically for the compilation of data on violence-related injuries and also to develop an injury prevention directory. Sandra Beck provided an update on the Injuries in Indiana report, and announced that the Fireworks Injury data report for 2003-2004 is available on the ISDH Injury Prevention website. Charlene Graves announced that the ISDH Trauma System Task Force continues to meet and that the newly-formed state Child Fatality Review Team has been meeting monthly since October.

Barbara Cole announced that the week of March 20-26 is Poison Prevention Week and invited interested members to participate in the poster contest associated with this. Training of EMS providers is also occurring.

Heather McCabe noted that the Partnership to Prevent Firearm Violence is completing their third year of collecting data on firearm-related injuries in Marion County, and is exploring extending their work into Allen, Vanderburgh and Lake Counties. A new training program for clergy on suicide prevention and gun violence prevention is underway. A Clarian Values grant continues to provide funding for the annual conference.

Karen Stroup described the newly-opened Riley Hospital Safety Store, where families can obtain child safety equipment, particularly that needed for handicapped or special

needs children. This is part of the new emphasis of the Community Advocacy Program on home safety.

Nancy Cobb presented some of the findings related to the state Methamphetamine Task Force that she is serving on, noting that this form of drug abuse is a huge problem in rural areas, including the dangers that metamphetamine labs pose to the health of families. Legislation is being introduced to make it more difficult to obtain OTC pseudoephedrine-containing medication. Jim Mowry noted that the Indiana Poison Center is aware of the issues due to their tracking of phone calls on anhydrous ammonia burns. He described the recent IOM report on Poison Centers and some issues related to ownership of poison center data. He stressed the need for more funding to support Poison Centers.

Keisha Nicholson noted that there are now 38 local Safe Kids coalitions in Indiana, based in a variety of organizations or agencies. She announced February 13-19 as Child Passenger Safety Week, with 6 community events scheduled. She announced other related events and that she needs judges on March 24th for selection of the child safety advocate awards. National Safe Kids week is April 30-May 7 and focuses on parental role modeling, with a PSA developed for that. The "Walk This Way" Program is being partnered with several Indianapolis public schools, and will likely be expanded. She announced the training session being scheduled on implementation of the new booster seat law effective July 1 – all local health departments were invited to attend. Current legislative issues relate to the support for Senate Bill 7, requiring seat belt use in trucks.

Matthew Howard announced that St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville is awaiting a letter confirming the achievement of Level II trauma center verification by the American College of Surgeons. He is disseminating several community injury prevention programs that focus on preventing falls in the elderly and elder driver safety. Seat belt promotion for St. Mary's Hospital employees is another initiative.

Discussion ensued on the identified injury problems included in the State Plan, with agreement by all that falls, motor vehicle crashes, poisoning, residential fires, and suicide are appropriate issues. It was felt that more strategies for injury prevention needed to be included, rather than just safety messages. Discussion ensued as to how to monitor the Plan, who is responsible for implementation of strategies. More process objectives may need to be considered but how to collect such data is a concern. Charlene stated that her goal is to make the draft Plan a more final version during summer of 2005.

Review and discussion of the Objectives proposed for the CDC grant application suggested the need to add/revise: 1) expand the membership of the Advisory Council, include more local health department representation, 2) create regional networks to support injury prevention in the state, 3) promote technical assistance and have members of the Advisory Council serve as resources, 4) develop an Injury Prevention Resource Center as a web-based site for information as part of the ISDH Injury Prevention Program website, 5) perform a needs assessment of the injury prevention knowledge levels, attitudes, and activities of local health departments, 6) develop a reporting system for

these activities through the ISDH Program and Resource Center. Addendum: the grant application was revised to incorporate the issues described above, with the addition of a new objective focusing on the development of regional networks.

Sandra Beck distributed the description of injury data sources used in the ISDH Program surveillance system, reporting that most of the STIPDA-recommended data sets are included, and that 5 other data sets within Indiana are also listed.

The next meeting of the Injury Prevention Advisory Council will be on Thursday, March 17, from 10 AM to Noon in Conference Room 16. This room is difficult to find so Council members should meet in the ISDH building lobby at about 10:05 AM to be escorted to the room. (Call Mary Ann Zupan at 317-233-7415 if assistance is needed.)